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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT:CLANDESTINE RADIO IN IRAQ

REF: JIDDA 406

1. FBIS INFORMS US THAT IT FIRST PICKED UP "SAWT AL-JAZIRAT" IN MAY, 1973. SAUDI JAMMING OF THE STATION HAS LED TO ITS USE OF A NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES. THESE INCLUDE 11850, 9570, 9525 AND 9125. THERE MAY WELL BE OTHERS, FBIS DOES NOT KEEP CONTINUOUS COVERAGE OF SAWT AL-JAZIRAT. TIMES OF BROADCAST ARE USUALLY 0400 - 0500 AND 1200 - 1300 LOCAL.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO ESCAPE SAUDI JAMMING, THE STATION HAS ON OCCASION USED MORE THAN ONE FREQUENCY SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND IS ALSO CAPABLE OF CHANGING FREQUENCIES IN MID-BROADCAST. IT HAS USED AS MANY AS FIVE TRANSMITTERS AT ONCE. THE VERSATILITY OF THE STATION CLEARLY INDICATES THAT IT HAS CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL, AND THE CONCLUSION THAT IT HAS IRAQI GOVERNMENT TIES IS CONVINCINGLY SUPPORTED BY THE FACT THAT ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION AN OFFICIAL BAGHDAD RADIO INADVERTENTLY BEGAN TO BROADCAST A SAWT AL-JAZIRAT PROGRAM.

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3. WHEN FBIS WAS OPERATING ON CYPRUS IT WAS ABLE TO LOCATE

THE STATION AS NEAR BAGHDAD. THERE SEEM TO BE SEVERAL
TRANSMITTER SITES SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST OF BAGHDAD;
SAWT AL-JAZIRAT PRESUMABLY USES ONE OR MORE OF THESE
SITES.

4. YOU MAY PASS ON WHATEVER OF ABOVE YOU WISH TO SULTAN.
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